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Assistant Director, Research and Reports

THRU : Chief, Economic Research Area, ORR
Chief, Materials Division, ORR

Report for the month of May 1958

1. Accomplishments

A. Scheduled Reports and Contributions

(1) ORR Project 10.1806, Soviet NIE. All Branches of the Division submitted preliminary contributions to D/A.

(2) ORR Project 20.1517, NIS-26, USSR, Section 61, Agriculture, Fisheries, and Forestry, was forwarded from M/AG to OBI.

(3) A preliminary draft of Section 60 of the Albanian NIS was reviewed and commented upon by all branches.

(4) M/AG, M/CH, and M/FM submitted contributions to ERA Project 20.1881, Electric Power Consumption in the USSR, to M/FP.

(5) M/CH, M/FM, M/FP and M/NF prepared supplementary contributions to ERA Project 30.1864, Estimated Budget and Specified Industries in Sino-Soviet Bloc, 1957 (USAF). These contributions included estimates of new plant construction and dates of initial operation through 1963.

(6) M/NF forwarded a contribution to ORR Project 10.2029, Soviet Industrial Production Index, to D/A.

(7) M/FM forwarded a contribution to ORR Project 20.1783, Soviet Atomic Energy Program 1958.

B. Support Projects

(1) S-295, Proposed USSR Oil Pipeline from Ural-Volga Area to the Baltic Sea and Poland, was forwarded to CSS as a proposed CSM. A summary of this paper was scheduled as a Part II item in the OCI-WMR.

(2) S-297, Soviet Bloc Shipments of Petroleum to the Free World, was forwarded to CSS as published as a CSM.

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(3) S-306, Soviet Agriculture, was prepared for the briefing of Secretary Benson in connection with his prospective visit to the USSR. The briefing has not yet taken place.

(4) S-313, Spring Seeding in the USSR, was prepared as a proposed Part II article OCI-CMR.

(5) A memorandum covering an evaluation of CS reports was prepared for the use of Ch/E in connection with his participation in the CSR annual review.

(6) All branches of the Division completed a review and up-dating of estimate cards for the Central Estimates File prior to reproduction of the data for VMR.

C. Other Support Activities

(1) All branches prepared comments on the JPRS program, at the request of St/I.

(2) M/AG provided an informal review of a DD/P paper on Sino-Soviet Bloc agriculture.

(3) M/AG prepared information on "Average Collective Farms" for use [REDACTED]

(4) M/AG prepared a memo to the Liaison Division, OCR, concerning the release of Air Force material to the [REDACTED] 25X1X7

(5) M/AG submitted a memorandum to the SA/RR transmitting a letter to [REDACTED] regarding double cropping in Communist Chinese agriculture. 25X1X7

(6) M/AG submitted a memorandum to St/I concerning exploitation of [REDACTED] material and other [REDACTED] materials. 25X1X7

(7) [REDACTED], M/AG, gave a lecture on Chinese agriculture at the Foreign Services Institute.

(8) M/AG submitted a memo for [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]), [REDACTED], concerning agricultural matters. 25X1A9a 25X1A9a

(9) M/AG prepared an OCI Digest item concerning Khrushchev's speech at the opening of the agricultural exhibition.

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(11) M/CH submitted an evaluation of Khrushchev's 6 May speech to CSS for use in a memorandum to the DD/I.

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(12) M/FM submitted estimates of the Soviet Bloc nickel situation for transmittal to [REDACTED].

(13) M/FM provided support for MDAC on the question of licensing the export of tinning and galvanizing equipment to the USSR.

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(14) M/FM, M/NF, and M/FP prepared data for D/A regarding equipment selected for the ruble dollar ratio study by [REDACTED].

(15) Branches concerned continued to provide support in connection with proposed East-West exchanges.

(16) M/NF provided DD/P with a detailed briefing of branch requirements for the Soviet aluminum industry.

(17) D/M branches prepared 30 miscellaneous evaluations of DD/P reports.

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(18) Chief D/M, and representatives of M/FP, briefed [REDACTED] on D/M and ERA research in the energy field, particularly atomic energy.

2. Program

A. M/AG submitted to Chief, St/A, a request for preliminary security clearances on individual tentatively being considered as a possible candidate for the award of an external research contract on Communist Chinese agriculture.

B. A new project evaluating recent Soviet plans for the expansion of the chemical industry was undertaken by M/CH.

C. The due date of Project 22.1913, Problems and Prospects of the Hungarian Chemical Industry, was extended from 15 May to 15 July 1958.

D. The due date of Project 22.1914, Postwar of the Chemical Industry of Poland, was extended from 2 June to 1 August 1958.

3. Administration

A. Analysts of M/AG held several meetings with members of the group of agricultural economists who are going to the USSR on 25 June.

B. M/AG analysts met with Mr. Guy Coriden, ad hoc Committee on Exchanges, and Mr. Burmeister, USDA, concerning agricultural exchanges with the USSR.

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- 25X1A6a C. Messrs. [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED], M/CH, visited New York to assist [REDACTED] in briefing the delegation of US plastic experts prior to their departure to the USSR.
- 25X1A9a D. [REDACTED], Chief M/FM, visited New York in connection with exchange delegations in the USSR in the fields of iron and steel, ferroc alloys and nickel. Messrs. [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] briefed 16 members of the steel delegation, to the USSR, in Washington. 25X1A9a 25X1A9a 25X1A9a
- 25X1A5a1 E. [REDACTED], Chief M/FM, participated in briefing the US [REDACTED]
- 25X1A5a1 F. M/FP [REDACTED] delegate to the [REDACTED]
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- 25X1A6a G. [REDACTED], Chief M/NF, visited Paris to participate with Defense experts in COCOM discussions. He will also [REDACTED] attend the Brussels World Fair. 25X1A6a
- 25X1A9a H. [REDACTED], M/NF, visited Buffalo, New York to attend the Third Conference on Reactive Metals.
- 25X1A9a I. [REDACTED], M/NF, participated with OCR/IR in preparation of a three-digit coding system for nonferrous metals.
- J. Material in support of St/A for preparation of the FY 1959 and FY 1960 budgets was submitted by M/M.
- 25X1A9a K. [REDACTED], M/CH, resigned from the Agency in order to undertake full-time graduate study.
- 25X1A9a L. [REDACTED], M/FP, resigned from the Agency prior to her forthcoming marriage.

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